भेजने के लिए इन एजेंसियों को सरकार से अनुमति लेने की जरूरत नहीं होगी ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय हज समिति ने 24,227 हज यात्रियों के लिए बीजा लिया था और शेष यात्रियों ने अपने बीजा निजी एजेंसियों के माध्यम से अथवा स्वयं लिये थें ।

सरकार को अभी तक ऐसी कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है कि ये एजेंसियां यात्रियों को हज पर भेजने के लिए उनसे मोटी रकम लेती हैं ।

Widening of Kakinada-Yanam road

1775. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SUR FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to provide funds as a special case under C.R.F. for improvement and widening of Kakinada-Ya.iam road; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNIKRI-SHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval.

FICCi guidelines for private sector participation in highway construction

1776. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT he pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the Central Government to frame detailed guidelines for private sector's participation in highway construction;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Gov-ernment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRI-SHNAN): (a) and (b) The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry had forwarded a paper on "Highways Development by Private Sector" which includes steps such as land acquisition, according Industry Status to road construction, debt, equity ratio to be 1: 2 exemption from MRTP, suitable legislation permitting collection of toll, etc. to be taken for encouraging private sector participation in highways.

(c) The psrticipation of Private Sector in the construction of highways is under consideration.

Inland waterways in TaMl Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

1777 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plans now under consideration of Government for development of inland waterways and captive ports in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the envisaged bene fits from the improvement of North Buckingham canal by the Tamil Nadu Government as a centrally sponsored scheme to be completed by March, 1990;

(c) what steps are being taken to declare the Krishna river as a national waterway; and

(d) the frames of rivers that have so far bcen declared as national water-ways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI-SHNAN); (a) The schemes and the provisions included in the Annual